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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF TOASTS EXCHANGED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER GROMYKO AND SECRETARY KISSINGER AT SOVIET-HOSTED
LUNCHEON MARCH 25.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF GROMYKO TOAST:

HONORABLE MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,
HONORED AMERICAN GUESTS,
COMRADES,

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO GREET YOU, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,
AND THE PERSONS ACCOMPANYING YOU TO MOSCOW.

IT IS FAR FROM THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IN OUR
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CAPITAL DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS. THIS FACT IN ITSELF IS

SIGNIFICANT. IT MEANS THAT OUR CONTACTS HAVE BECOME CONSTANT AND REGULAR. THEY COMPRISE A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE USEFUL PRACTICE OF EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS WHICH HAS BECOME ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

QUITE RECENTLY WE MET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND YOU IN WASHINGTON. A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES WAS DISCUSSED. NOW THE DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD HERE IN MOSCOW. THEY ARE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SINCE THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE SOVIET UNION.

AS FOR THE SOVIET SIDE, AS L.I. BREZHNEV NOTED, WE WOULD WISH THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT MEETING TO BE MARKED BY NEW IMPORTANT STEPS ON THE PATH OF DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR STATES AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE. I THINK THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE ALSO SHARES THIS APPROACH.

DURING THE LAST TWO TO THREE YEARS THE USSR AND THE US HAVE TRAVELED A LONG WAY IN THEIR RELATIONS. THE ESSENCE OF THE FAVORABLE CHANGES IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS DETERMINED BY THE JOINT DETERMINATION OF OUR COUNTRIES TO PREVENT THE THREAT OF WAR AND TO FOSTER THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF BROAD MUTUALLY-ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION.

MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE ALONG THIS PATH. AS A RESULT OF THE TWO SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETINGS, FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND SPECIFIC MEASURES WERE TAKEN WHICH WERE THE STARTING POINT FOR A CARDINAL RECONSTRUCTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR CONCLUDED DURING THE VISIT OF L.I. BREZHNEV AND THE SALT AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING THEIR EARLIER MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ARE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS REGARD.

I THINK IT WOULD BE ONLY FAIR TO POINT OUT THE NOTEWORTHY PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN THIS WHOLE MATTER.

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BUT MUCH STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE. TO PUT IT BRIEFLY, THE BASIC TASK IS TO MOVE AHEAD IN THE DIRECTION WHICH HAS BEEN SET, GUIDED BY WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED, SO THAT THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS BECOMES A CONSTANT FACTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

AS FAR AS VARIOUS SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE CONCERNED, GIVEN THE

REQUIRED CONSISTENCY AND A REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH BY BOTH SIDES, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND. THE MAIN THING IS TO ADHERE TO THE CENTRAL LINE, TO OBSERVE THE AGREEMENTS ALREADY ACHIEVED, AND STRICTLY TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS TAKEN.

THE EXPERIENCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS KIND CONFIRMS THEIR GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR ASSURING SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF SUMMIT NEGOTIATIONS. IT APPEARS THAT THIS WILL ALSO BE THE CASE THIS TIME.

I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR HEALTH, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE AND TO THE HEALTH OF THE OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF TOAST BY SECRETARY KISSINGER:

QUOTE MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED SOVIET FRIENDS, AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER POINTED OUT IN HIS CHARACTERISTICALLY PRECISE FASHION THIS IS FAR FROM MY FIRST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. IN FACT, IT IS MY SIXTH VISIT. WHEN I CAME HERE TWO YEARS AGO, TO LENIN HILLS, THE BEGINNING OF RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD JUST STARTED. WE HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH GLOBAL PROBLEMS ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS. ON THAT OCCASION I HAD THE PRIVILEGE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO MEET GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV WHOSE NAME WILL FOREVER BE ASSOCIATED WITH BRINGING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. ON THAT OCCASION WE CONCLUDED AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN OUR RELATIONSHIP AND WE MADE MAJOR PROGRESS ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS.

IN THE TWO YEARS PAST MANY AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION: AN AGREEMENT ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS, AN AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION ON NUCLEAR WAR, BEING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT. BUT MORE THAN THESE TWO AGREEMENTS, WHAT HAS HAPPENDED OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS REFLECTS THE RECOGNITION THAT THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION, DEALING WITH EACH OTHER ON A BASIS OF STRICT EQUALITY, HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE. IF OUR TWO NATIONS ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EACH OTHER, IF WE ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL EACH OTHER, OR DEAL WITH EACH OTHER FROM A STRONG POSITION, THEN THERE CAN BE NO PEACE EITHER AMONG OURSELVES OR IN THE WORLD. BUT IF WE DEAL WITH EACH OTHER COOPERATIVELY, IF WE RECOGNIZE THAT NEITHER OF US CAN GAIN A PERMANENT STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE EITHER MILITARILY OR POLITICALLY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD THEN WE CAN BRING ABOUT LASTING PEACE AND ALL MANKING WILL BENEFIT.

THIS SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, OF DEALING WITH EACH
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